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OXIDIZED PHOSPHOLIPIDS**

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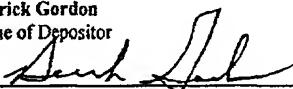
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

This preliminary amendment is being filed concurrently with the 35 U.S.C. §371 national stage filing of International Application No. PCT/US00/26438. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121(c)(3), this document implements changes to the claims by presenting an entire set of pending claims. An Appendix entitled Version With Markings to Show Changes Made is attached showing the current amendments to the claims in marked form. Any claim not accompanied by a marked up version should be construed as not having been changed relative to the immediate prior version thereof, if any.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please replace the previous version of the claims with the following clean version, wherein pending Claim 26 has been amended and new Claims 30-33 have been added.